IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re the Application of) Group Art Unit: 1772 MUELLER et al.) Examiner: Tsoy Serial No. 09/456,516 Filed: December 8, 1999 For: LAYERED COMPOSITE BASED ON THERMOPLASTIC POLYMERS

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Sir:

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Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, between the first and second paragraph, insert the heading --

Background of the Invention --.

Page 2, between the first and second paragraph, insert the heading

Summary of the Invention --.

Page 2, between the third and fourth paragraph, insert the heading

Detailed

Brief

Description of the Invention --.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 5 of the claim, after "layer" insert -- wherein the total thickness of the layered composite is from 1 to 20 mm and whose backing layer makes up at least 80%

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